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SUBJECT: CABINET RESIGNS

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- 1. CABINET PRESENTED RESIGNATION TO PRESIDENT ALLENDE EVENING MAR 22. FORMAL LETTER SIGNED BY ALL MINISTERS (INCLUDING PLANNING CHIEF GONZALO MARTNER AND CORFO EXECUTIVE VP PEDOR VUSKOVIC) CITED COMPLETION RECENT CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS AS "APPROPRIATE TIME" TO ALLOW PRESIDENT FOREEDOM OF ACTION TO RESTRUCTURE CABINET "IN LINE WITH POLITICAL REALITY EXPRESSED IN THAT CIVIC EVENT"
- 2. ALLENDE RECENTLY HAS HELD SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH UP PARTY LEADERS AND SENIOR MILITARY OFFICIALS, AND HE WILL REPORTEDLY HOLD ANOTHER SESSION WITH UP CHIEFS MAR 25 BEFORE ACTING ON RESIGNATIONS. MINDEFENSE JOSE TOHA TOLD REPORTERS HE DOUBTED CABINET CHANGE WILL COME THIS WEEKEND, BUT ADDED THAT PRESIDENT IS UNDER NO COMPULSION TO AWAIT SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PLENNUMS SCHEDULED FOR MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK.
- 3. COMMENT. AT TIME OF INSTALLATION OF PRESENT CABINET LAST NOV 2, THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION THAT THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER CHANGE AFTER MAR 4 ELECTION (SANTIAGO 4967, 1972). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRINCIPAL QUESTION REMAINS CONTINUANCE AND EXTENT OF MILITARY ROLE IN GOVT. LESS IMPORTANT QUESTIONS, BUT INTERESTING NEVERTHELESS, ARE WHETHER MINI PARTIES WILL AGAIN HAVE PORTFOLIOS AND IF MAPU INCLUDED WHICH FACTION THEREOF. DAVIS

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